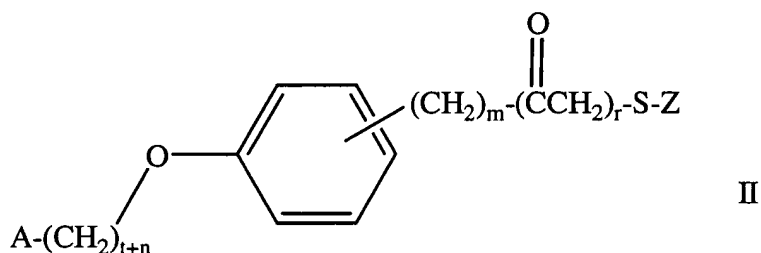


Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claim 5 and amend claims 1-4 and 6 as shown in the listing of claims that follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A ~~biologically active agent, wherein the agent is a~~ compound of the formula:



wherein

n is 1 or 2;

t is 0 or 1;

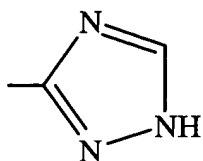
m is 0 and r is 1, or m is 1 and r is 0;

A is phenyl, unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 groups selected from: halo, alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, perfluoromethyl, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, and perfluoromethoxy; or

cycloalkyl having from 3 to 6 ring carbon atoms wherein the cycloalkyl is unsubstituted or one or two ring carbons are mono-substituted by methyl or ethyl;
or

a 5 or 6 membered heteroaromatic ring having 1 or 2 ring heteroatoms selected from N, S and O and the heteroaromatic ring is covalently bound to the remainder of the compound of formula II by a ring carbon; and

Z is



R^+ is hydrogen or alkyl having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms;

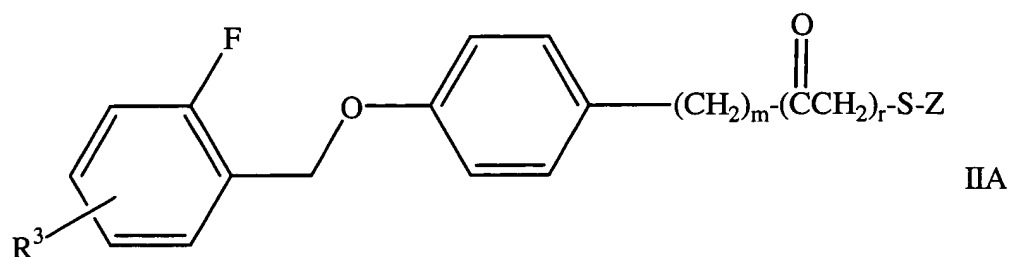
R^4 is hydrogen; ~~$NHCOOC(CH_3)_3$; $NHCH_3$; or $NHCH_2CH_3$;~~

or when R^+ is hydrogen, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound.

2. (Currently amended) The ~~agent~~ compound of claim 1, wherein A is cycloalkyl having from 3 to 6 ring carbon atoms wherein the cycloalkyl is unsubstituted or one or both of the ring carbons adjacent to the remainder of the compound of formula II are mono-substituted by methyl or ethyl.

3. (Currently amended) The compound ~~agent~~ of claim 1, wherein A is phenyl, unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 groups selected from: fluoro, alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, perfluoromethyl, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, and perfluoromethoxy.

4. (Currently amended) The ~~biologically active agent~~ compound of claim 3, ~~wherein the agent is a compound~~ of the formula:

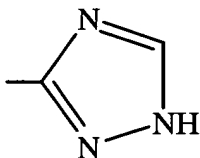


wherein

m is 0 or 1;

r is 0 or 1;

Z is



~~R¹ is hydrogen or alkyl having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms;~~

~~R⁴ is hydrogen; NHCOOC(CH₃)₃; NHCH₃; or NHCH₂CH₃;~~

~~and R³ is hydrogen or halo;~~

~~or when R¹ is hydrogen, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound.~~

Claim 5 (Canceled).

6. (Currently amended) The compound agent of claim 5 4, ~~wherein the compound~~
~~is being~~ 3-(2-(4-(2,6-difluorobenzyloxy)phenyl)-2-oxoethyl)thio-1H-1,2,4-triazole.